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### **Beth-Jean Relay For Life Fundraiser Extraordinaire**

This weekend will mark Beth-Jean Edgar's second Hamilton Relay For Life but this Corrections Officer is already one of the event's best fundraisers.

Last year, Beth-Jean joined her Corrections Department team just three weeks prior to the Relay and still managed to raise more than \$1000 in this time.

And it's not just her team members who have benefited from having such an enthusiastic fundraiser as their team captain in 2009 – other teams have this year heard about some of the 'tactics' Beth-Jean applies to her fundraising.

"It's all about going the extra mile. It's a very good cause so you need to make yourself available to do something for your donation – not just ring people and ask for money," Beth-Jean says.

This extra mile for Beth-Jean has included picking up hay, silage stacking, lawn mowing and car washing amongst other activities with her team members.

A new initiative for 2009 Relay was to have team members join up and do their \$100 fundraising or donate the money and then walk their laps for them.

Beth-Jean says this was a great way to have more team members fundraising even if they couldn't necessarily make it to the Relay.

Getting involved with Relay was easy for Beth-Jean, not only because she is a cancer survivor but she says it is such a fun event and so worthwhile.

"Relay For Life makes you appreciate everything you have and it's very rewarding knowing that you are involved with something that is about finding cures for cancer as well as programmes that benefit those with cancer."

She says the whole Corrections Department team love being part of the Relay and to give something back to the community is very important.

Hamilton's Relay For Life is on this weekend from 2pm Saturday to 12 noon Sunday at the AgResearch Centre Ruakura. The public are welcome to come along and support those taking part and enjoy the carnival atmosphere.

For more information visit: [www.relayforlife.org.nz](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz) or contact the Cancer Society, ph 838 2027.

*'There is no finish line until we find a cure.'*

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